

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraphs at page 21, line 5 through page 22, line 21 with the following amended paragraphs:

In the case where a wide-screen broadcast is being displayed on a standard-screen display 400, as illustrated in FIG. 8, a black area 420 may be present at the top of the display 400 and a black area 440 may be present at the bottom of the display 400. The content of these black areas may be similar to those in FIG. 7. If desired the sides of the broadcast feed may be cut, and the top and the bottom stretched to fit the display screen 400, eliminating the black areas.

Another feature of the rich content television program guide described by the present invention may allow a user to move the video window 48 of the display screen 400 so as to cover any amount of the black area above or below it. For example, if the user moves video window 48 up, so that it completely covers black area 420, the result may be a display that looks like screen 520 of FIG. 9. Here the black area 460 is twice as high as the black area 440 of FIG. 4. This may allow for larger images and a more comprehensive content listing to be displayed in black area 460.

FIG. 10 is a flow chart that presents an illustrative process of determining how to manage black areas. As the user tunes to a particular feed, the set-top box, at step 560, may determine whether the user is viewing a wide-screen display screen or a standard screen display screen. If the user is viewing a wide-screen display screen, and if the particular feed is formatted for a wide-screen display (as determined at step 68) nothing needs to be done to manage black areas since no black areas will exist as noted by step 62. If, however, at step 68 it is determined that the particular program is formatted for a standard-screen, then at step 64 the image provided by the broadcast feed may be stretched to fit the display screen, or the image may be cut to fit the display screen, or black areas may become available for displaying other content.

If, at step 560, it was determined that the display device is a standard-screen, and if it is determined that the particular broadcast feed is formatted for a wide-screen display at step 58, the broadcast feed may be cut so that it fits in the display screen at step 66. Alternatively, at step 66, it may be chosen to leave the black areas and use them for

displaying other content, or the image provided by the broadcast feed may be stretched to fit the display screen. If it is determined at step 58 that the broadcast feed is formatted for a standard-screen display, then nothing needs to be done since there will be no black areas.